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1. SUMMARY: A MARCH 20 PEOPLE'S DAILY "COMMENTATOR" ARTICLE CALLS FOR A RECTIFICATION CAMPAIGN MODELED AFTER ONE LAUNCHED THREE YEARS AGO, WHEN TENG HSIAO-PING WAS CLEARLY IN CHARGE. THE FOCUS IS TO BE ON LEADING BODIES, AND THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTIN OF LEADRS SEEM TO GUARANTEE THE PRIMACY OF VETERAN CADRES. THOSE WHO AVE MADE MISTAKES ARE TO BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO REPENT, BUT WOULD BE KEPT OUT OF TOP LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. END SUMMARY.

2. A MARCH 20 FRONT PAGE ARTICLE BY A PEOPLE'S DAILY "COMMENTATOR" RENEWS THE CALL FOR RECTIFICATION (CHENG TUN) OF LEADING BODIES. THE ARTICLE, ENTITLED "RECTIFICATION MEANS REVOLUTION," REFERS BACK TO A RECTIFICATION CAMPAIGN
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BEGUN EARLY IN 1975, JUST AFTER THE FOURTH NPC, WHICH WAS ABORTED DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF THE GANG OF FOUR. THAT CAMPAIGN, ACCORDING TO THE COMMENTATOR, WAS BASED ON CHAIRMAN MAO'S THREE INSTRUCTIONS AND WAS AIMED AT THE GANG OF FOUR--A SURE SIGN THAT IT WAS DIRECTED BY TENG HSIAO-PING.

3. THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN IS TO MODEL ITSELF AFTER TENG'S

EFFORT OF THREE YEARS AGO. IT IS TO CONCENTRATE ON THE RECTIFICATION OF LEADERSHIP GROUPS, AND TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF IMPURITIES IN IDEOLOGY, ORGANIZATION, AND WORK STYLE. ALTHOUGH MUCH PROGRESS HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE, THE MOVEMENT HAS BEEN "UNEVEN" AND IN SOME AREAS DEPARTMENTS RESULTS HAVE BEEN UNSATISFACTORY. THE "MAIN PROBLEM" IS THAT THE LEADERSHIP GROUPS IN THESE AREAS ARE INADEQUATE.

4. THE COMMENTATOR LISTS THE QUALITIES OF A GOOD LEADER: A HARD WORKER, PLAIN-LIVING, WITH A STRONG PARTY SPIRIT, WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE HERESIES, HAS A CORRECT WORKSTYLE, AND SEEKS TRUTH FROM FACTS. HE SHOULD BE GOOD IN HIS PROFESSIONAL WORK, HAVE ACCUMULATED PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE, AND HAVE WITHSTOOD THE TEST OF THE ANTI-GANG STRUGGLE. ON THE OTHER HAND, PERSONS WHO HAVE MADE SERIOUS MISTAKES AND REMAIN DEFIANT, WHO HAVE ENGAGED IN FASCIST DICTATORSHIP, WHO ARE SMASH-AND-GRABBERS, TIME-SERVERS, AND SWINDLERS, WHO FORMED FACTIONS, AND WHO PREACH REVOLUTION BUT IGNORE PRODUCTION, SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED ONTO LEADING BODIES. IN OTHER WORDS, LEADING CADRES SHOULD BE IN THE TENG MOLD, A VETERAN CADRES WHO WERE NOT CO-OPTED BY THE GANG OF FOUR.

5. THE ARTICLE DOES ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THOSE WHO REPENT THEIR MISTAKES CAN BE REHABILITATED. THEY CAN BE "UNITED AND TRUSTED," AND "SOME OF THEM CAN EVEN REMAIN IN LEADING CONFIDENTIAL

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BODIES." BUT THE TOP TWO POSITIONS IN EACH ORGANIZATION MUST BE FILLED BY CADRES WHO ARE UNTAINTED BY ASSOCIATION WITH THE GANG OF FOUR. AFTER RECTIFICATION, "LEADING BODIES MUST ACHIEVE A CERTAIN STABILITY." IN OTHER WORDS, THOSE WHO SIDED WITH THE GANG OF FOUR CAN EXPECT TO BE LEFT IN THE COLD A LONG TIME.

6. COMMENT: THE PEOPLE'S DAILY "SPECIAL COMMENTATOR" ARTICLE (REFTEL) OF MARCH 11 ALREADY INDICATED THAT THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS HAD NOT SOLVED ALL OF THE REGIME'S PERSONNEL PROBLEMS. THIS NEW ARTICLE REINFORCES THAT CONCLUSION. ALTHOUGH IT MAKES NO REFERENCE TO THE "WIND", "SLIPPERY," OR "EARTHQUAKE" FACTIONS, IT APPEARS TO BE IN THE SAME MOLD AS THE LIBERATION ARMY DAILY ARTICLES THAT ATTACKED THOSE TARGETS EARLIER THIS YEAR BY DRAWING A COMPARISON WITH 1975, THE COMMENTARY SEEKS TO LEGITIMIZE THE USE OF AN NPC PLENUM AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR A NEW CAMPAIGN. IT ALSO GIVES A CLEAR SIGNAL THAT TENG HSIAO-PING IS THE PRIME MOVER BEHIND THE RENEWED RECTIFICATION EFFORT.

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